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"CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" BLUE STREAK EDITION, JULY FIFTEEN INSTANT CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "RAY ADMITS HE IS SNEYDI" ARTICLE RELATES PAPER OBTAINED COPY OF TWO PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM RAY TO A MARRIED SISTER WHO LIVES IN ST. LOUIS SUBURB SIGNED "LORD R. G. SNEYD." UNDATED LETTER SENT FROM LONDON'S HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON WHERE RAY INCARCERATED. LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRISON BY JOHN RAY, A BROTHER, ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON. JOHN RAY IS CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE AND WAS SENT BY RAY, DESPITE THE SIGNATURE, BASED ON HANDWRITING, LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER AND PERSONAL COMMENTS. LETTER WRITTEN ON BLUE - RULED STATIONERY BEARING PRISON LETTERHEAD. PUBLISHED PORTION OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR JOHN, I WILL JUST WRITE YOU A FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS ALLRIGHT. I WILL

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PROBABLY BE BACK SHORTLY.

ANYWAY, DON'T COME OVER, FOR ONE, YOU COULDN'T GET IN, ATTORNEY HANES COULDN'T, AND TWO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ABOUT JUDGE CASEY WANTING TO REVERSE MY CASE, I DON'T WANT IT REVERSED I WILL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT YOU KNOW THEIR THINGS ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BENEFIT ME.

IF YOU COULD, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS YOU CAN GET SOME OF IT OFF JERRY AND I WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP WITH YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

YOU MENTION PERCY FOREMAN. HE IS A GOOD ATTORNEY BUT I WILL WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK AS I WANT SOME ATTORNEYS WHO CAN WORK TOGETHER, SO I WILL LET HANES DECIDE ON SOMEONE HE THINKS WOULD BE BEST.

I COULD APPEAL MY EXTRADITION HEARING BUT I AM GETTING TIRED OF LISTENING TO THESE LIARS, SO I MIGHT CLOSE IT UP ABOUT TUESDAY.

LORD R. G. SNEYD."

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SECTION OF LETTER REFERRING TO PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS DELETED AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

JOHN RAY FEELS LETTER CONSTITUTES "STRONG EVIDENCE" HIS BROTHER DID NOT KILL DOCTOR KING FOR HE WOULD NOT CON - SIDER SIGNING EXTRADITION PAPERS.

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